

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

1. My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;
2. I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention, design or discovery entitled:

**PERMEABLE MEMBRANE DIAPHRAGM OF DIFFERENT LAYERS FOR  
ELECTROLYTIC CELLS**

3. I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above;
4. I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office all information known to me to be material to the patentability of this application as defined by Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56;
5. I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. §119(a)-(d) or §365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or §365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

International Application No. PCT/CN00/00011, filed January 21, 2000,  
which claims priority from Chinese Patent Application No. 99202911.2,  
filed February 2, 1999

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

NONE

6. I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s), or 365(c) of any PCT international application designating the United States of America, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in §1.56 which

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7. I hereby appoint Monty L. Ross of the firm of LOCKE LIDDELL & SAPP LLP, my attorney with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith;

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8. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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Applicant, Patentee, or Identifier: Guocheng WangApplication or Patent No.: PCT/CN00/00011Filed or Issued: January 21, 2000Title: Permeable Membrane Diaphragm of Different Layers for Electrolytic Cells

As a below named inventor, I hereby state that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees to the Patent and Trademark Office described in:

- the specification filed herewith with title as listed above.
- the application identified above.
- the patent identified above.

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